



City Scope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

City News...

Looking for a different kind of volunteer work? How about volunteering to do taxes for Chandler-area residents this tax season? Volunteers will be trained with Internal Revenue Service tax materials to help low and moderate income families with their federal and Arizona individual income tax returns. For more information call (480) 782-3209.

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If you have a homeowners association, want to develop one, or simply want more information to help organize your neighbors, call (480) 782-3209. The City's new neighborhood registration program helps foster better communication and can provide technical and financial support.

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The Facts About Roof Rats is available on video and DVD at all four Chandler libraries. For additional roof rat information, go to www.ChandlerAZ.gov.

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City offices will be closed December 24 and 31, and January 17. Emergency services and all scheduled refuse and recycling collections will not be affected by the closure.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of November 1, 2004, is 228,885.

A Holiday Message From The Mayor

When I think of the holidays, I'm reminded most of traditions. My wife and I have a long-standing custom of letting our boys open just one gift on Christmas Eve, leaving the rest for Christmas morning. In the past, we chose that gift, now that they are older, they choose. For others it might be as simple as a family portrait or as extravagant as a formal meal with relatives. Some of us make a resolution of change as we begin the New Year. Whatever your holiday practices are, the memories that they create can last a lifetime. Each of our individual traditions deepens our roots, and the diversity of traditions in our community helps define its character.

If you enjoy a family ritual of helping others, or would like to begin a new one, Chandler has a number of agencies that can reach out to those who may require a little help this holiday season. These agencies can facilitate a holiday donation through their many worthy programs. If you are able to offer assistance, you can contact a favorite

service agency of your own, or call the United Way at (602) 631-4686 for information on other human service organizations in Chandler.

I encourage each of you to spend time with your families this holiday season. Enjoy the numerous activities, events and amenities that Chandler has to offer - and perhaps begin a new family tradition.

Finally, as we look toward a new year, watch next month for the City's Annual Highlights brochure. It spotlights many of Chandler's achievements during 2004. The new year's beginning offers a great opportunity to reflect on the past and look to the future.

On behalf of the City Council and City staff, I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.

Mayor Boyd W. Dunn

Community Celebrates Unity And Diversity

Two events take place this January that will celebrate Chandler's diversity and unite the City's residents. Journalist and author Juan Williams is the keynote speaker for the Celebration of Unity lunch to be held on Friday, January 14, 2005. Williams, one of America's leading journalists, is a senior correspondent for National Public Radio's (NPR) Morning Edition. The lunch will take place at the San Marcos Resort, in Historic Downtown Chandler. Now in its 6th year, the Celebration of Unity is sponsored by the City of Chandler and Chandler Human Relations Commission. Corporate sponsors include Intel and Barnes and Noble. Tickets to the event will go on sale this month and will be available through the Chandler Center for the Arts, (480) 782-2680. For more information on the event, call (480) 782-2214.

On Saturday, January 15, the 10th Annual Chandler Multicultural Festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Downtown Library courtyard. As part of the City's Celebration of Unity, this year's festival will feature musical performances, dance troupes, visual art demonstrations, interactive booths, children's area and international food. This free event is sure to be fun for the entire family.

The 2005 Multicultural Festival will feature performances by New Renaissance, Mosaico Flamenco, Yellow Bird Indian Dancers, Arathi School of India, Kawambe Omowale, Si Se Puede and more. The festival will also showcase the Celebration of Unity Creative Contest winners.

Don't Just Recycle...TREEcycle

Christmas tree drop off sites will be provided at the following locations December 26 through January 16:

West Chandler Park (Aquatic Center) 250 S. Kyrene Rd. Desert Breeze Park, 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. Arrowhead Park, 1475 W. Erie St. Shawnee Park, 1400 W. Mesquite St. Pima Park, 625 N. McQueen Rd. Folley Park, 601 E. Frye Rd. Chuparosa Park, 2400 S. Dobson Rd. Snedigar Sportsplex, 4500 S. Basha Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Rd. Solid Waste Transfer Facility, 3200 S. McQueen Rd.

Trees will also be collected at the curb December 27 through January 14 on recycling collection days, separate from container collection. Residents may also schedule a free curbside bulk collection for Christmas trees. Trees must be at the edge of the driveway by 6 a.m. for collection. Remove tree stands, lights, ornaments and nails. For more information visit: www.chan-dleraz.gov; or call Solid Waste Services at (480) 782-3510.

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Sound Off ... Your Opinion Counts!

Your City officials want public input on how to build a better community. Just fill out this form and return it with your water billing or mail it to: Communications & Public Affairs Department, Mail Stop 604, P.O. Box 4008, Chandler, AZ 85244-4008. Or e-mail your comments to INFO@ChandlerAZ.gov

Comments (please print)
Optional (please print):
Name:
Address:
ZipPhone:



Chandler City Council -- Front row from left: Martin Sepulveda, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, Matt Orlando. Back row from left: Donna Wallace, Lowell Huggins, Vice Mayor Phillip Westbrooks, Bob Caccamo. The Mayor & Council can be contacted at (480) 782-2200.

Public Meetings

City Council (480) 782-2180 Usually held the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Planning and Zoning Commission

(480) 782-3000 Usually held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

City Council meetings and study sessions, and Planning and Zoning meetings are televised live on Cable Channel 11 then replayed the following day at 8:30 a.m.

> Study sessions are also replayed the following Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

There are additional replays of Council and P&Z meetings at the following times:

Saturday at 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday at 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Monday at 1 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Public meetings are posted on the City's Web site:

www.ChandlerAZ.gov

Airport Commission (480) 782-3540

Arts Commission (480) 917-6859

Committee for the Aging (480) 782-2722

Committee for People with Disabilities (480) 782-2709

Cultural Foundation (480) 782-2676

Human Relations Commission (480) 782-2217

Housing & Redevelopment Committee (480) 782-3207

Industrial Development Authority (480) 782-2315

Library Board (480) 782-2812

Museum Advisory Board (480) 782-2744

Neighborhood Advisory Committee (480) 782-3227

Parks & Recreation Board (480) 782-2660

> Transportation Commission (480) 782-3440

Youth Commission (480) 782-2712

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